

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. 31132.70/ PC877.07
Bryan et al.	§	
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	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

**I. Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2009.

No fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including any extension of time fees, are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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**Remarks** begin on page 15.